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Via ECFS

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Office of the Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *Notice of Ex Parte*

WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 07-135, 05-337, 03-109

CC Docket Nos. 01-92, 96-45

GN Docket No. 09-51

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Thursday, March 1, 2012, representatives of Central Texas Telephone Cooperative, Inc. ("Central Texas") including Jamey Wigley, General Manager of Central Texas and Clay Sturgis of Moss Adams via teleconference, met with Amy Bender, Patrick Halley, Rodger Woock, Gary Seigel, James Eisner, Katie King, Craig Stroup, and Wesley Platt of the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC" or "Commission") Wireline Competition Bureau to further discuss the results of the FCC's proposed regression analysis model on Central Texas. The undersigned counsel for Central Texas met in-person with the FCC.

In the meeting, Central Texas provided the Commission with maps and photographs (attached) demonstrating the rocky terrain, cliffs, and other factors that have a direct effect on Central Texas's network costs. Central Texas discussed the costs and challenges associated with upgrading its network to meet the FCC's broadband standards. Central Texas provided a detailed explanation of the prudency of its past expenses and the need for further upgrades to provide broadband services not only to its end-user customers, but also to provide transport and vital broadband connections to the PSTN for multiple wireless carriers, university networks, businesses, the oil industry, and state and federal entities.

Central Texas requested that the Commission release what changes, if any, it has made and plans to make to the regression model and seek further comment on these proposed changes. Central Texas noted that the regression model, as currently proposed, has been shown as

¹ *Notice Concerning Universal Service Intercarrier-Compensation Transformation Proceeding*, Public Notice, DA 11-1966 (December 2, 2011).

seriously flawed and that the record does not support adoption of the current model. Central Texas expressed the need for the FCC to "get it right" before likely using the model for other high-cost cap purposes. Central Texas noted that the FCC would be on more secure legal ground if it slowed down, released any new data it has developed, and sought further comment on the regression model, rather than issuing an Order with a changed model where industry input on the changes was absent.²

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Kenneth C. Johnson

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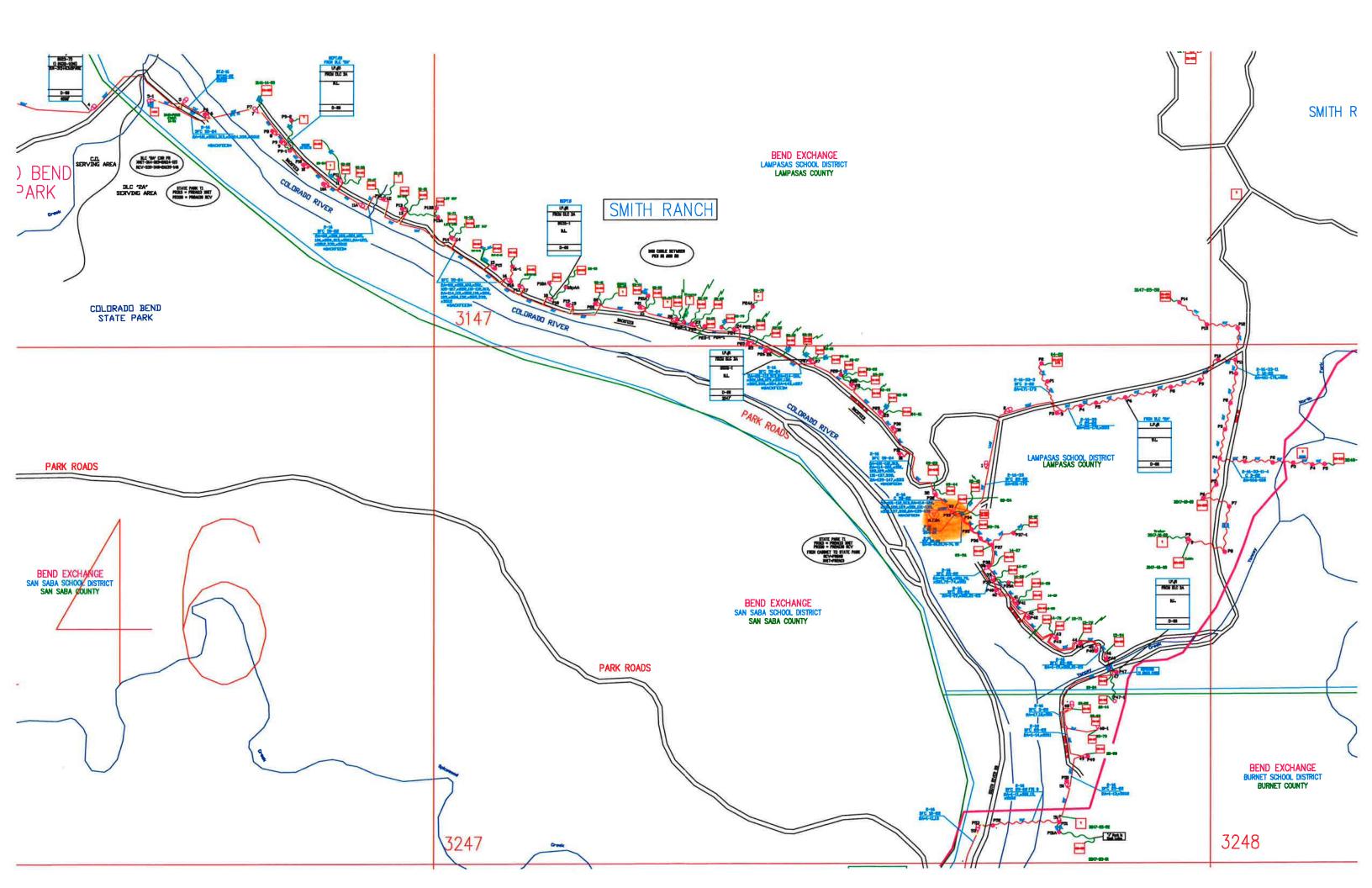
² See Amer. Radio Relay League v. FCC, 524 F.3d 227, 237 (D.C. Cir. 2008) citing Nat'l Ass'n of Regulatory Util. Comm'rs v. FCC, 737 F.2d 1095, 1121 (D.C. Cir. 1984) (casting significant doubt upon the FCC's use of "a complex mix of controversial and uncommented upon data and calculations.")

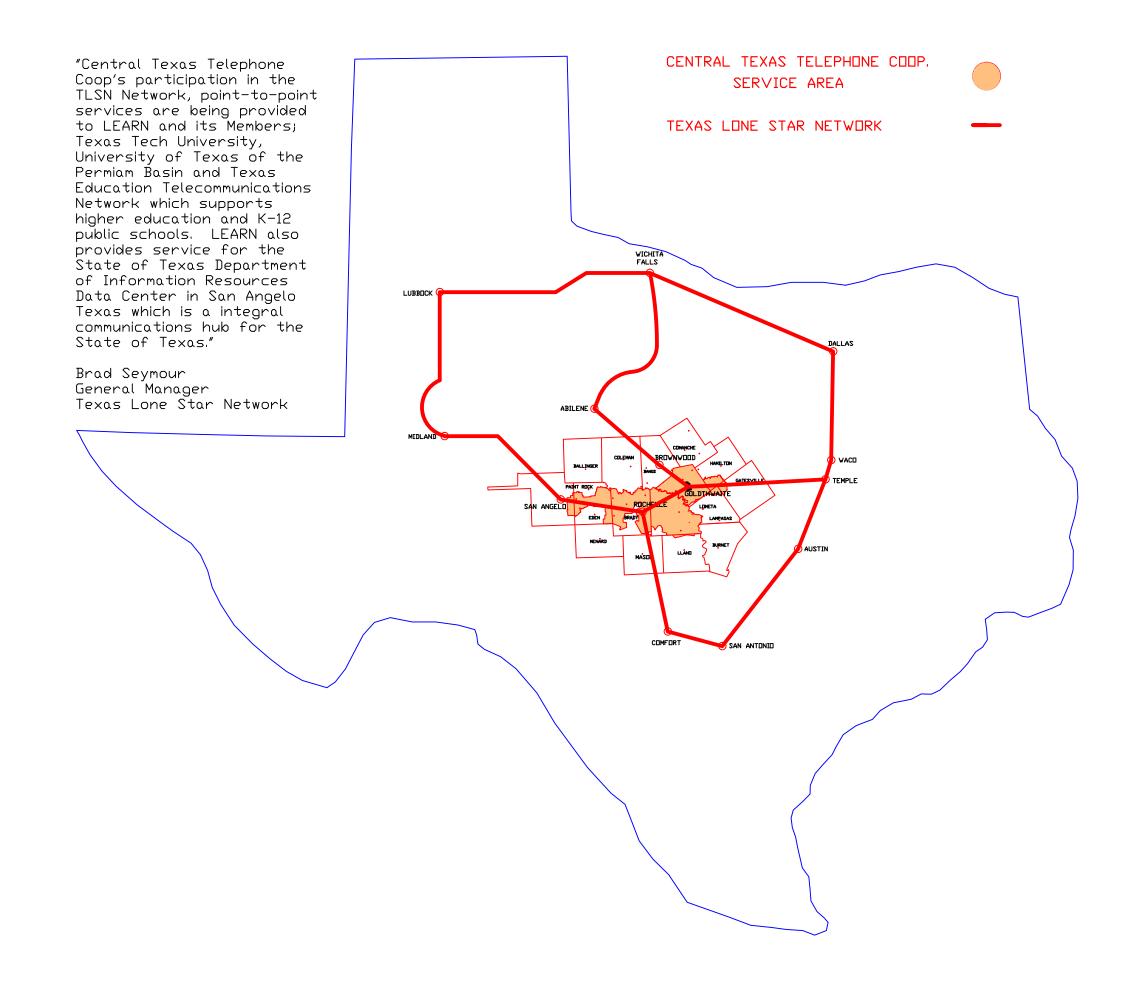












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